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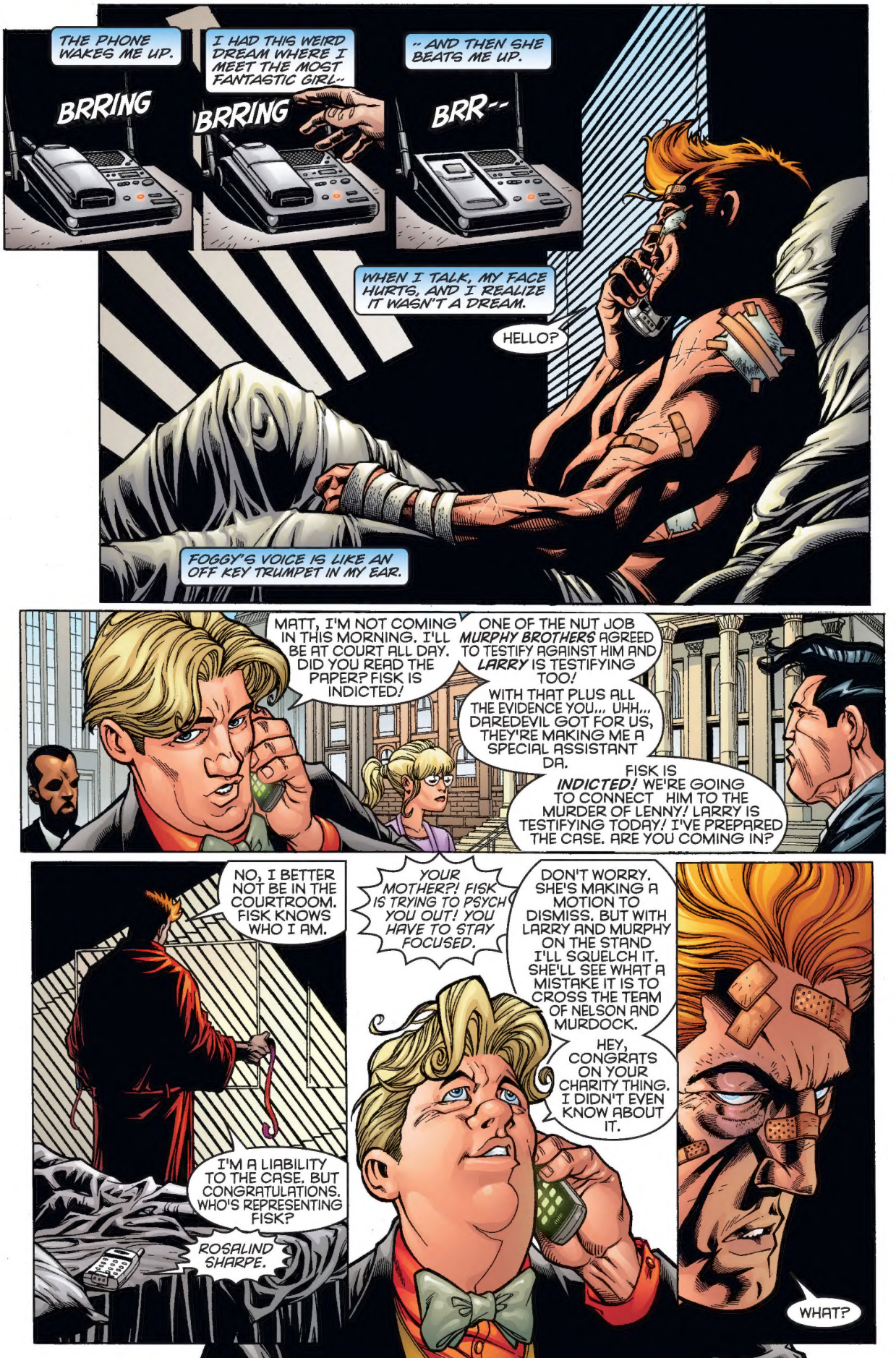
AND INTRODUCING...
MARK MORALES INKER
SPECIAL THANKS TO KEITH BURSACK, LEGAL COPY CONSULTANT
A FAMILIAR VIBRATION?
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
24 hr. PARKING
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
JUST HANGIN' OUT.
DO THAT TEETER TOTTER THING AGAIN!
ARE YOU BOTH SUPER HEROES?
THEY'RE ACTORS, STUPID! THAT'S ECHO. I SAW HER AT THAT THEATER.
UNLIKE YOU, I'M CONSCIOUS OF HOW DEATH AFFECTS CHILDREN. I'M GOING TO KILL YOU LIKE YOU DID MY DAD, BUT I'LL LET YOU SWEAT IT!
THAT LAST MOVE WAS STRAIGHT OUT OF JACKIE CHAN!
WHAT?
YEAH, RUMBLE IN THE BRONX!
IT WAS DRUNKEN MASTER II.
MOVIES?
CLUB MAGNUS
YEAH.
ARE YOU OKAY?


THE PHONE WAKES ME UP.
BRRING
I HAD THIS WEIRD DREAM WHERE I MEET THE MOST FANTASTIC GIRL--
BRRING
-- AND THEN SHE BEATS ME UP.
BRR--
WHEN I TALK, MY FACE HURTS, AND I REALIZE IT WASN'T A DREAM.
HELLO?
FOGGY'S VOICE IS LIKE AN OFF KEY TRUMPET IN MY EAR.
MATT, I'M NOT COMING IN THIS MORNING. I'LL BE AT COURT ALL DAY. DID YOU READ THE PAPER? FISK IS INDICTED!
ONE OF THE NUT JOB MURPHY BROTHERS AGREED TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIM AND LARRY IS TESTIFYING TOO!
WITH THAT PLUS ALL THE EVIDENCE YOU... UHH... DAREDEVIL GOT FOR US, THEY'RE MAKING ME A SPECIAL ASSISTANT DA.
FISK IS INDICTED! WE'RE GOING TO CONNECT HIM TO THE MURDER OF LENNY! LARRY IS TESTIFYING TODAY! I'VE PREPARED THE CASE. ARE YOU COMING IN?
NO, I BETTER NOT BE IN THE COURTROOM. FISK KNOWS WHO I AM.
YOUR MOTHER?! FISK IS TRYING TO PSYCH YOU OUT! YOU HAVE TO STAY FOCUSED.
DON'T WORRY. SHE'S MAKING A MOTION TO DISMISS. BUT WITH LARRY AND MURPHY ON THE STAND I'LL SQUELCH IT. SHE'LL SEE WHAT A MISTAKE IT IS TO CROSS THE TEAM OF NELSON AND MURDOCK.
HEY, CONGRATS ON YOUR CHARITY THING. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT.
I'M A LIABILITY TO THE CASE. BUT CONGRATULATIONS. WHO'S REPRESENTING FISK?
ROSALIND SHARPE.
WHAT?

DAILY BUGLE

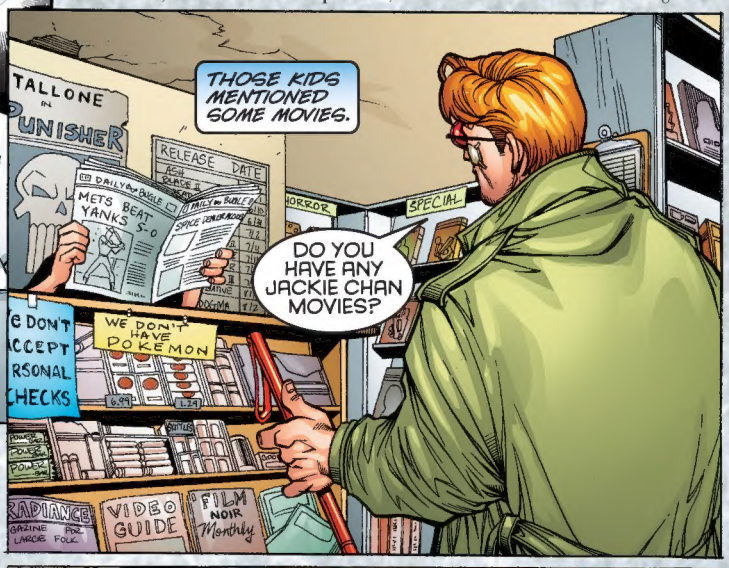
NEW YORK'S FINEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

SPICE DEALER ACCUSED

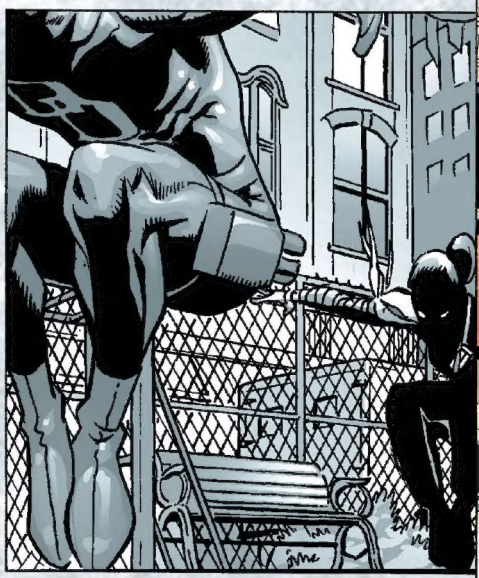
SUSPECTED KINGPIN OF CRIME INDICTED IN MURDER CASE

by Ben Urich

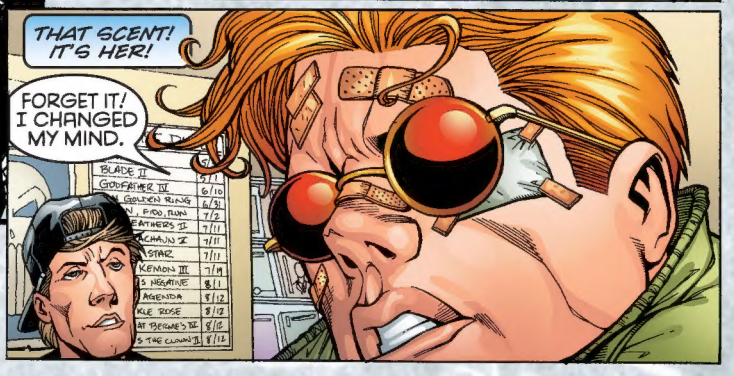
Wilson Fisk, international entrepreneur, will be in court to answer to charges of



ECHOES IN THE PLAYGROUND!

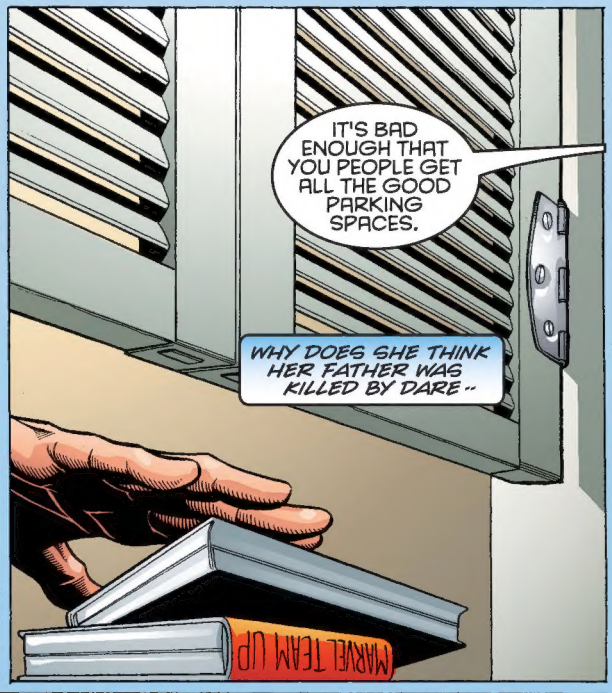


Daredevil joins Echo to reenact her play at a playground performance for children.



ADULTS ONLY
CAN'T LET HER SEE ME! WITH THE BANDAGES, SHE'S BOUND TO MAKE THE CONNECTION.
HERE YA GO. AND I WANT TO RENEW ALL THE JET LI TAPES. I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO FINISH THEM.
PUNISHER MAGAZINE
BLACK MASK

AT THIS STAGE, SHE SEEMS TO HATE DAREDEVIL SO MUCH THAT SHE'D HATE MATT MURDOCK TOO. SHE THINKS DAREDEVIL KILLED HER FATHER. I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHY, SO I CAN CLEAR THIS UP.
HEY, BUDDY. YOU KNOCKED SOME OF THE TAPES ON THE FLOOR. ARE YOU GOING TO PICK THOSE UP OR WHAT?
SHRINK HOSE SERENADE
69 CANDLES


IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU PEOPLE GET ALL THE GOOD PARKING SPACES.
WHY DOES SHE THINK HER FATHER WAS KILLED BY DARE--
MARVEL TEAM UP

--DEVIL?
THE DEVIL IN
Karen Page
Mefisto Comes Over
MY FINGERS READ THE PRINTING IMPRESSION.

KAREN?!
THAT GUY'S BEEN IN THE ADULT SECTION AN AWFUL LONG TIME.
HE'S ALREADY BLIND, YOU'D THINK HE'D HAVE LEARNED HIS LESSON.

WHERE IS LARRY? HE'S SUPPOSED TO TESTIFY IN TWENTY MINUTES! CALL MATT AND TELL HIM TO FIND LARRY!
YOUR HONOR, Mr. NELSON HAS MADE A VERY *ELOQUENT* CASE THAT Mr. MURPHY WAS THE KILLER OF LENNY CEBULSKI.
HE HAS CONNECTED THE *BULLET* THAT KILLED THE VICTIM WITH THE MURDER WEAPON FOUND NEAR THE CRIME SCENE BY THE ARRESTING OFFICERS.
HE HAS SHOWN THAT THE TRACES OF *GUNPOWDER* ON Mr. MURPHY'S HANDS ARE IDENTICAL TO THE TYPE FOUND ON THE RIFLE.
HE HAS SHOWN THAT Mr. MURPHY'S VIOLENT AND TROUBLED PAST IS *CONGRUENT* WITH THESE ACTIONS.
POLICE RECORDS
PHONE BILL
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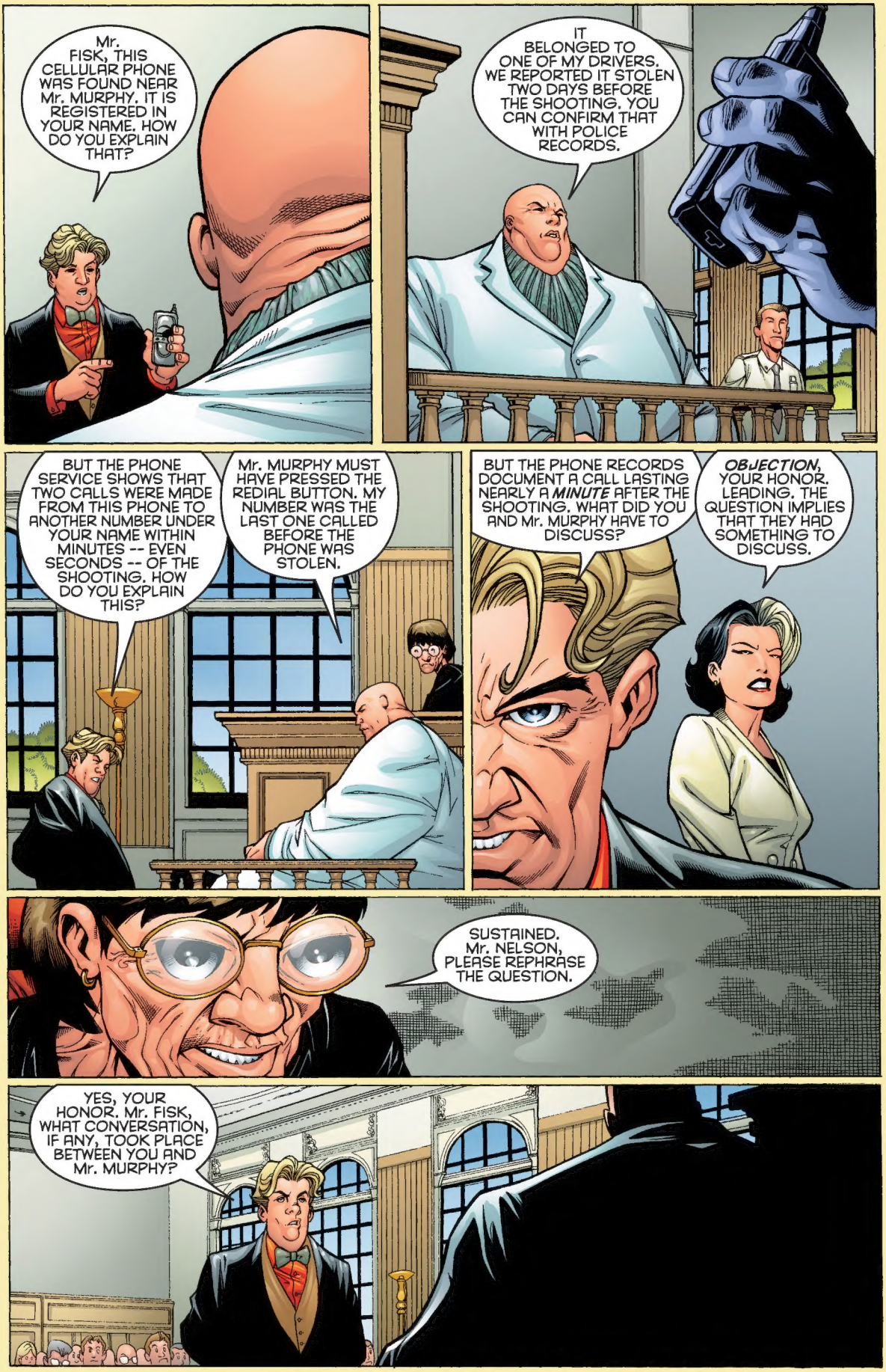
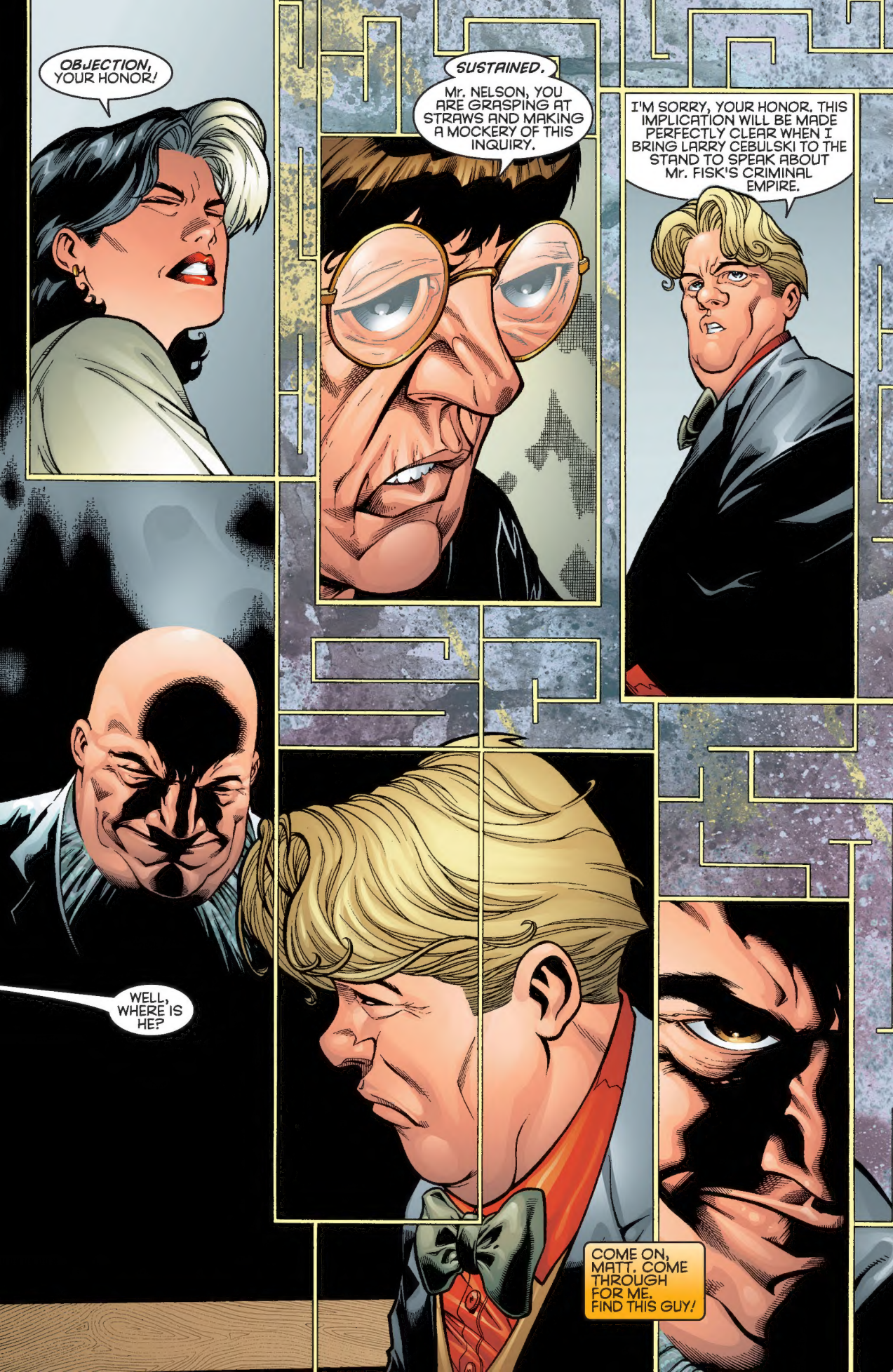
WHAT HE HAS NOT SHOWN IS ANY CONNECTION WHATSOEVER BETWEEN Mr. MURPHY AND Mr. FISK.
AND HIS OTHER WITNESS, Mr. CEBULSKI, HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.
Mr. NELSON?
YOUR HONOR, I'D LIKE TO CALL WILSON FISK TO THE STAND.


Mr. FISK, THIS CELLULAR PHONE WAS FOUND NEAR Mr. MURPHY. IT IS REGISTERED IN YOUR NAME. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?
IT BELONGED TO ONE OF MY DRIVERS. WE REPORTED IT STOLEN TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SHOOTING. YOU CAN CONFIRM THAT WITH POLICE RECORDS.
BUT THE PHONE SERVICE SHOWS THAT TWO CALLS WERE MADE FROM THIS PHONE TO ANOTHER NUMBER UNDER YOUR NAME WITHIN MINUTES -- EVEN SECONDS -- OF THE SHOOTING. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?
Mr. MURPHY MUST HAVE PRESSED THE REDIAL BUTTON. MY NUMBER WAS THE LAST ONE CALLED BEFORE THE PHONE WAS STOLEN.
BUT THE PHONE RECORDS DOCUMENT A CALL LASTING NEARLY A *MINUTE* AFTER THE SHOOTING. WHAT DID YOU AND Mr. MURPHY HAVE TO DISCUSS?
OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR. LEADING. THE QUESTION IMPLIES THAT THEY HAD SOMETHING TO DISCUSS.
SUSTAINED. Mr. NELSON, PLEASE REPHRASE THE QUESTION.
YES, YOUR HONOR. Mr. FISK, WHAT CONVERSATION, IF ANY, TOOK PLACE BETWEEN YOU AND Mr. MURPHY?

I SAID "HELLO." AND A VOICE, I CAN ONLY ASSUME IT WAS Mr. MURPHY, SAID, AND I QUOTE, "A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE." I SAID "PARDON ME" AND THE VOICE SAID "BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER." I SAID "WHO IS THIS?" AND THE VOICE SAID "THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM, BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS, IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT, A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED," AND PERHAPS A FEW MORE PHRASES, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER.
I HUNG UP AND MINUTES LATER HE CALLED BACK AGAIN WITH SIMILAR ADVICE UPON WHICH I PROMPTLY HUNG UP A SECOND TIME.
CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DECEASED LENNY CEBULSKI?
THERE WAS NONE.
BUT YOU DID EMPLOY HIS TWIN BROTHER, LARRY, DID YOU NOT?
HE WAS EMPLOYED IN MY BUILDING AS A CUSTODIAN. BUT I EMPLOY A LOT OF PEOPLE. I BECAME FAMILIAR WITH HIS NAME WHEN I WAS TOLD THAT HE STOPPED SHOWING UP FOR WORK ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.
Mr. FISK, ISN'T IT TRUE THAT YOU EMPLOYED Mr. MURPHY TO KILL LARRY CEBULSKI BECAUSE IN HIS JOB AS CUSTODIAN HE STUMBLED UPON INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, AND Mr. MURPHY KILLED LENNY THINKING IT WAS LARRY?


OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR!
SUSTAINED.
Mr. NELSON, YOU ARE GRASPING AT STRAWS AND MAKING A MOCKERY OF THIS INQUIRY.
I'M SORRY, YOUR HONOR. THIS IMPLICATION WILL BE MADE PERFECTLY CLEAR WHEN I BRING LARRY CEBULSKI TO THE STAND TO SPEAK ABOUT Mr. FISK'S CRIMINAL EMPIRE.
WELL, WHERE IS HE?
COME ON, MATT. COME THROUGH FOR ME. FIND THIS GUY!

MY NAME IS WILSON FISK.

I AM A MAGICIAN. I KNOW HOW TO MAKE THINGS DISAPPEAR.

EVIDENCE. MY PAST. PEOPLE.

I'VE FILLED SOME HOLES IN THE DESERT.

I'VE GIVEN THE FISH PEOPLE TO SWIM WITH.

IT WAS A LONG ROAD.

WITH EXPERIENCE MY ONLY TEACHER.

POVERTY, MY MOTIVATION.

HUNGER, MY COMPANION.

AND FEAR, FIRST MY ENEMY

AND THEN

MY FRIEND.

YOU MUST MAKE A FRIEND OF HORROR.

IT MUST BE YOUR ALLY.

BECAUSE IT IS A DEADLY FOE.

A BOY CAN LEARN ONLY SO MUCH FROM STOLEN BOOKS.

THERE IS HISTORY. VERY IMPORTANT. IT IS BEST TO LEARN FROM OTHER PEOPLE'S MISTAKES.

Alphonse Capone, reputed mob boss, was eventually jailed for tax evasion, [illegible] criminal investigations

AND LANGUAGE. HOW TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM DO WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO DO.

dolph Hitler, arguably the ultimate villain the twentieth century, began his car[illegible]as a strated architect. This would lat[illegible] is choicé of Minister of Armame[illegible] Production, Albert Speer. Spe[illegible] free reign to design buildings, s[illegible] ums, etc. in glory to the Reich. and-year Reich was ended in May when the Allied forces

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER, VISUAL AIDS ARE THE KEY TO PUBLIC SPEAKING.

I LEARNED THIS THE HARD WAY.

AND I LEARNED THAT PEOPLE DO NOT BECOME VICTIMS AFTER THEY ARE VICTIMIZED.

THE PREDATOR VICTIMIZES SOMEONE BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZES THAT THEY ARE A VICTIM.

CRIMINALS PREY ON THE WEAK. NOT THE STRONG.

I WAS WEAK.

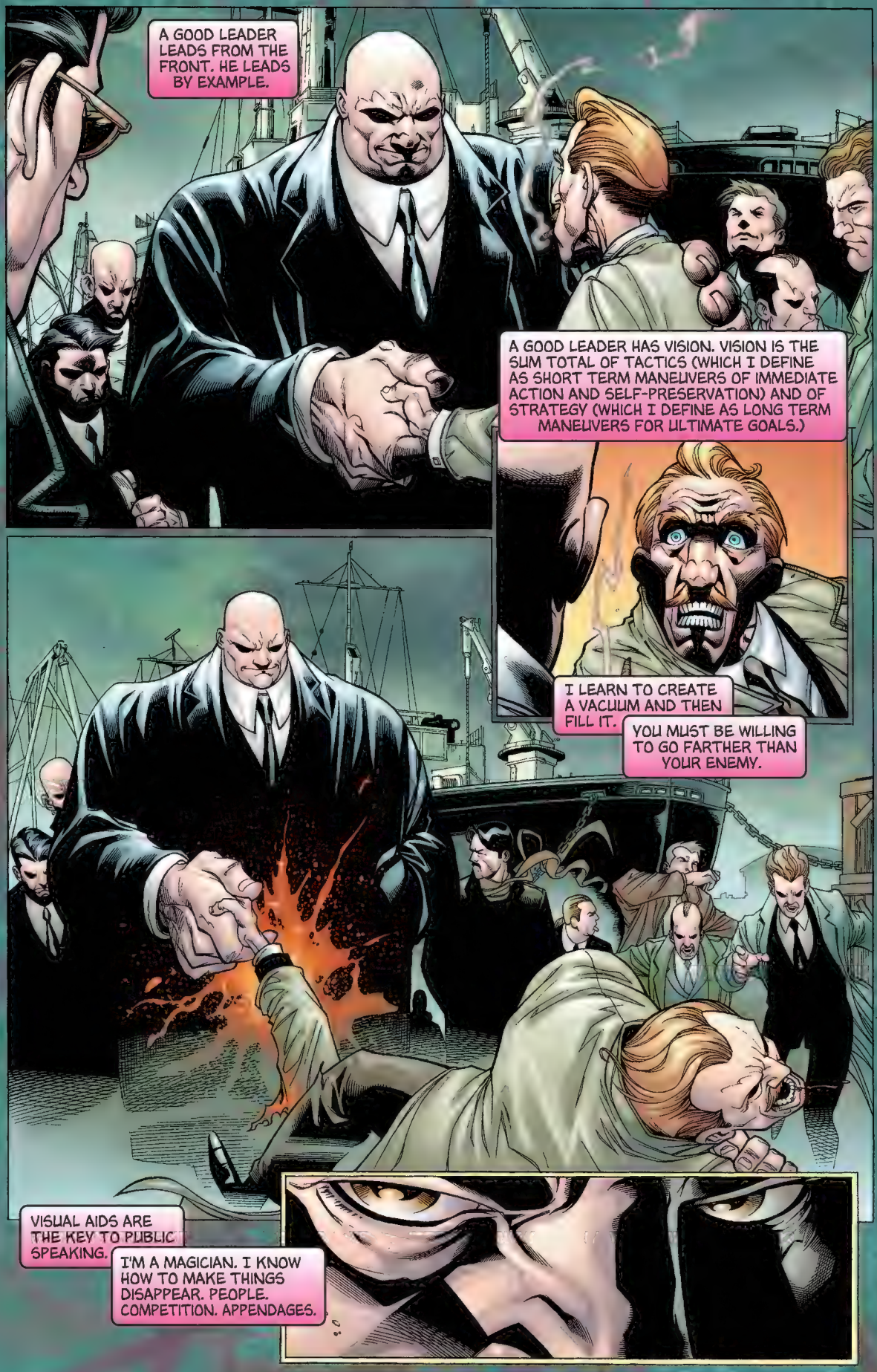
I WAS A LOSER.

I LEARNED THAT YOU ARE EITHER A SHEEP...

...OR YOU ARE A WOLF.

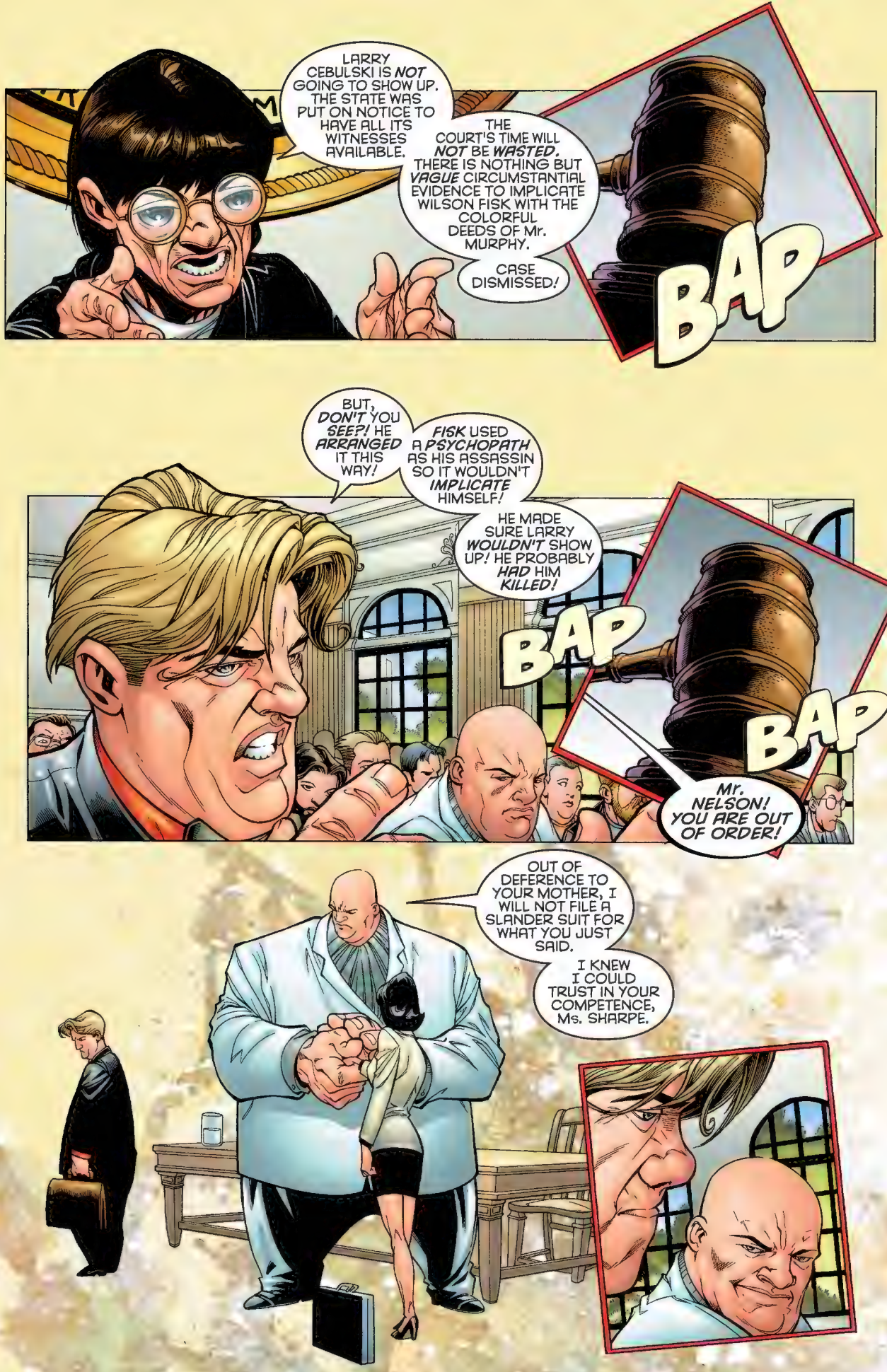
FOR ME THE CHOICE WAS EASY.

I LEARNED THAT TO BE TRIUMPHANT, YOU MUST ALWAYS BE WILLING TO GO FARTHER THAN YOUR ENEMY.
Ungh!
INSIDE THE MICROCOSMS OF WOLVES AND SHEEP... THERE ARE LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS.
Ungh!
A GOOD LEADER ALWAYS SEEMS TO HAVE LUCK ON HIS SIDE. BUT LUCK IS SOMETHING THAT YOU BUILD.
Ungh!
LUCK IS OPPORTUNITY MEETING PREPAREDNESS. AND TO BE PREPARED IN THE FACE OF OPPORTUNITY, YOU MUST PRACTICE.
Ungh!
FOR IF YOU ARE NOT PRACTICING, SOMEONE ELSE IS. AND WHEN YOU MEET HIM HE WILL BEAT YOU.
AND I WILL BE HIM.
Ungh!


A GOOD LEADER LEADS FROM THE FRONT. HE LEADS BY EXAMPLE.
A GOOD LEADER HAS VISION. VISION IS THE SUM TOTAL OF TACTICS (WHICH I DEFINE AS SHORT TERM MANEUVERS OF IMMEDIATE ACTION AND SELF-PRESERVATION) AND OF STRATEGY (WHICH I DEFINE AS LONG TERM MANEUVERS FOR ULTIMATE GOALS.)
I LEARN TO CREATE A VACUUM AND THEN FILL IT.
YOU MUST BE WILLING TO GO FARTHER THAN YOUR ENEMY.
VISUAL AIDS ARE THE KEY TO PUBLIC SPEAKING.
I'M A MAGICIAN. I KNOW HOW TO MAKE THINGS DISAPPEAR. PEOPLE. COMPETITION. APPENDAGES.

ONE WAY
DONT WALK
OKAY, YEAH. IT'S TRUE! THE KINGPIN WANTS THIS GUY DEAD! HE PUT THE WORD OUT TO EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T TESTIFY. BUT THAT'S ALL I KNOW ABOUT IT.
YOUR HONOR, Mr. MURPHY IS OBVIOUSLY A TROUBLED MAN. HE HAS SPENT HIS LIFE IN AND OUT OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS.
THE POLICE BELIEVE HIM AND HIS TWIN BROTHER TO BE THE MEN THEY CALL TWIN KILLER.
Mr. MURPHY ESCAPED FROM HIS LAST HOSPITAL A YEAR AGO. EVERY TWO MONTHS FOR THE PAST YEAR, THERE WAS A MURDER OF TWINS.
THE LAST DEATHS OCCURRED TWO MONTHS AGO IN THE HOSPITAL'S MATERNITY WARD. THIS KILLING OF LENNY CEBULSKI FITS THE M.O. OF THE TWIN KILLER AS WELL AS THE CYCLE.
BUGLE
HOSPITAL TRAGEDY!
TWINS BUTCHERED
Mr. MURPHY IS A MAN WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE POLICE.
BUT HE IS NOT A HIRED ASSASSIN.

EXHIBIT "I": SEVERAL SETS OF RORSCHACH CARDS WERE SHOWN TO Mr. MURPHY. HIS ANSWER WAS THE SAME FOR EVERY CARD. "TWINS".
EXHIBIT "J": Mr. MURPHY'S DRAWINGS. ALL TWINS.
AND FINALLY TO CONCLUDE MY PRESENTATION, I'D LIKE TO CALL Mr. MURPHY TO THE STAND.
Mr. MURPHY, DO YOU SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?
GOD MADE DIRT, DIRT DON'T HURT!
HOLY BIBLE
Mr. MURPHY, HAVE YOU EVER DONE BUSINESS OF ANY SORT WITH Mr. FISK?
THERE IS NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS!
NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.
YOUR HONOR, THE DEFENSE REQUESTS THAT YOU NOW RULE ON OUR MOTION TO DISMISS THESE GROUNDLESS CHARGES.
THE ONLY CONNECTION Mr. NELSON HAS BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH BETWEEN Mr. FISK AND Mr. MURPHY IS THAT MURPHY KILLED A LOW LEVEL EX-EMPLOYEE OF Mr. FISK AND THAT Mr. FISK RECEIVED AN UNSOLICITED PHONE CALL FROM MURPHY ON A DOCUMENTED STOLEN CELL PHONE.
THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE ARE NOT BEING SERVED BY HOLDING AN INNOCENT MAN ON BASELESS PROSECUTION. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ONLY RULING CAN BE TO DISMISS THE CHARGES. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
JUDGE, THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FOR A CONTINUANCE. WE NEED SOME ADDITIONAL TIME TO SECURE Mr. CEBULSKI AS A WITNESS FOR THIS HEARING. THE STATE BELIEVES, WITH LARRY CEBULSKI, IT CAN PROVE Mr. FISK IS THE HEAD OF A CRIMINAL EMPIRE.
WE CAN SHOW THAT WILSON FISK'S MOTIVE WAS TO COVER UP EVIDENCE LARRY CEBULSKI DISCOVERED. WE CAN PROVE THAT LENNY WAS MISTAKENLY KILLED INSTEAD OF LARRY...


LARRY CEBULSKI IS *NOT* GOING TO SHOW UP. THE STATE WAS PUT ON NOTICE TO HAVE ALL ITS WITNESSES AVAILABLE.
THE COURT'S TIME WILL *NOT* BE *WASTED*. THERE IS NOTHING BUT *VAGUE* CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO IMPLICATE WILSON FISK WITH THE COLORFUL DEEDS OF Mr. MURPHY.
CASE DISMISSED!
BAP
BUT, *DON'T* YOU *SEE?!* HE *ARRANGED* IT THIS WAY!
FISK USED A *PSYCHOPATH* AS HIS ASSASSIN SO IT WOULDN'T *IMPLICATE* HIMSELF!
HE MADE SURE LARRY *WOULDN'T* SHOW UP! HE PROBABLY *HAD* HIM *KILLED!*
BAP
BAP
Mr. NELSON! YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER!
OUT OF DEFERENCE TO YOUR MOTHER, I WILL NOT FILE A SLANDER SUIT FOR WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
I KNEW I COULD TRUST IN YOUR COMPETENCE, Ms. SHARPE.

HERE HE COMES NOW!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR NAME IN THE CLEAR, Mr. FISK?
WELL, SIR, SOMETIMES PEOPLE, LAWYERS MOSTLY, THINK THEY CAN MAKE SOME MONEY BY RUNNING MY NAME THROUGH THE SEWER.
BUT I'VE ALWAYS HAD FAITH IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM OF OUR BELOVED COUNTRY.
THE TRUTH, SIR. THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE!
YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST!
NOW WE MOVE TO GET A COMMENT FROM THE PROSECUTION LED BY FOGGY NELSON.

"Mr. FISK MAY HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH MURDER FOR NOW, BUT EVERYBODY GETS WHAT'S COMING TO THEM."
"CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC, Mr. NELSON?"
WELL, THAT WAS AMUSING.
SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LARRY SITUATION WAS TAKEN CARE OF.
NUH.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
EH SHE "NUH". LARU REH HEH!
"I SAID 'NO'. LARRY'S RIGHT HERE!"
YEH SHEHEH HEH KEH MUH BRUHUH!
"YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KILLED MY BROTHER!"

BLAM BLAM
VYRESSHH
FISK-2
Krnk
SHU!
BLAM BLAM

EEH YEH EHUH MAH!
"DIE, YOU INHUMAN MONSTER!"
M 72
NO! LARRY, DON'T! DON'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY!
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LARRY, GIVE ME THE GUN.
HERE YOU GO.
CLK CLK
YOUR SPEECH IMPEDIMENT IS GONE.
I ONLY HAVE IT WHEN I'M NERVOUS.
IN A BIZARRE FOLLOW-UP TO HIS ACQUITTAL...
DAILY BU
NEW YORK'S FINEST DAILY NEWSPAPER
WILSON FISK SHOT
IMPORTER OF SP
PLUMMETS TO
DEATH!
Ungh!
WILSON FISK... GUNNED DOWN...
Ungh!
I READ ALL THE WRONG WORDS FROM HER TELEVISION LIPS.
PLUMMETED INTO THE RIVER... PRESUMED DEAD... DAREDEVIL...
DAREDEVIL.
Ungh! I'M COMING FOR YOU!
Die